(c) whether the postponement of those projects is likely to result in escalation of the costs; and

(d) the amount spent on such projects which are under construction in the State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shifting of Western Railway's Headquarters to Ahmedabad

4369. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to shift Western Railways Headquarters to Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C K JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) A study of issues relating to reorganisation of zones and divisions has recently been completed by this Ministry. Further processing for the formulation of proposals and other related matters is being undertaken.

रेलवे में ग्रीष्मकालीन कर्मचारियों (हाट वदर स्टाफ) की नियुक्ति

4670. श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपरिया : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ग्रीष्मकाल मे यात्रियो को पानी पिलाने के लिये ग्रीष्मकालीन कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति किन-किन रेलवे जोनों में की जाती है और पूरे वर्ष में उनकी नियुक्ति वस्तुत: कितनी अवधि तक के लिए की जाती है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्व के वर्षो के दौरान नियुक्त किये गये ग्रीष्मकालीन कर्मचारियों को इस वर्ष नियोजित नहीं किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) इस वर्ष पानी पिलाने वाले कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति नहीं किये जाने की स्थिति में यात्रियों को शीतल पेयजल पिलाने के लिये रेल प्राधिकारियों द्वारा क्या वैक व्यवस्था की जा रही है ; और

(घ) क्या ऐसा मितव्ययिता अभियान के अंतर्गत किया जा रहा है; यदि हां, तो इसके परिणामस्वरूप कितनी धनराशि की बचत होगी ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ): (क) मध्य, पूर्व, पूर्वोत्तर सीमा, दक्षिण मध्य, दक्षिण पूर्व और पश्चिम रेलों के बड़े स्टेशनों पर अप्रेल, मे जुलाई के बीच तीन महीने की अवधि के लिए आवश्यकता नुसार गर्मी के मौसम में पानी वाले तैनात किये जाते है,

(ख) सामान्यत: जो ग्रीष्मकालीन पानी वाले पूर्व में काम पर लगाए गए थे, बाद के वर्षों में भी मांग के अनुसार उन्हें ही काम पर लगाया गया था ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते ।

Goods train accidents in Mumbai Division

4671. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of accidents of goods trains in the Mumbai division of the Central Railway during the last one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the goods train accidents in the Mumbai division have increased alarmingly;

(c) whether the Railways have established the causes of all these accidents; if so the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the major accidtnts have been due to the breakage of couplings connecting the wagons; if so, what designal changes the

Railways propose to introduce to pdevent recurrence of such accidents, and

(e) whether the electorical engines used for hauling the goods traffic are old and have lost their efficiency of pulling the desired pay load?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a)

(a) 8 during the year 1994-95.

(b) No, Sir. There has been sight increase from in 1993-94 to 8 in 1994-95.

(c) Yes. Sir. All the accidents were enquired into and were found to be caused by the failure of Railway Staff.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Some of the electric engines used for hauling the goods traffic are old, but ageing does not reduce the efficiency of an electric locomotive to pull the desired load.

Accident of goods train at Vashind

4672. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have instituted any enquiry into goods train accident at Vashind on Central Railway; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways are aware that accident was caused due to negligence of the driver, who has been arrested by the Railway police;

(c) whether it is a fact that the accident victims have been paid ex-gratia payment of Rs. 5,000/-;

(d) whether the Railways will consider payment of full compensation to the accident vitcims;

(e) whether the Railways have assessed damage to agricultural crops or agricultural land due to spill of petroleum products from the tank wagons involved in the accident into the agricultural fields; and

(f) whether Government propose to compensation to the land owners?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. Senior Officers Enquiry Committee enquired into the accident occurred at Vashind on 3.1.95. The enquiry committee held that the crew of the goods train did not take proper precautions in re-coupling the two parted loads on the graded section. The rear portion rolled down and ultimately capsized/derailed near Vashind station.

(b) It is a fact that a case under Section 304A and 437 IPC and Section 175 of Indian Railways Act has been registered by Government Railway Police/Kalyan against the driver of the goods train on 5-1-95. The case is under investigation by the Govt. Railway Police. However, the driver has not been arrested by the Govt. Railway Police so far.

(c) Although the victims were trespassers, on humanitarian grounds an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 5000/- each to the kith and kin of the 7 killed and Rs. 1000/- each to the 3 injured persons has been made.

(d) In view of the provisions of Indian Railways Act, 1989, compensation is not payable to the victims of the subject accident being trespassers.

(e) No such assesment has been made so far.

(f) In accordance with the provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1989, compansation is not payable to the land owners.

Priority to loaded goods train

4673. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much time is required for delivery of a loaded goods train from Karanja Railway Station to Varangaon in normal course;